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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed May 6, 2003.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicants note references 3,057,735, AU 1,129,746, and EP 0 985 349 A2 also listed in the search report were previously cited to or by the Examiner.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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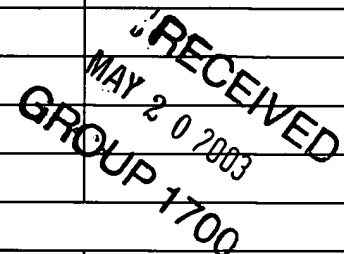
FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 163.1386USU1	Application Number: 10/043,827
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,057,735	10/09/1962	OTTKE ET AL.			
	6,010,729	01/04/2000	GUTZMANN ET AL.			

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						YES	NO
	1,129,746	10/09/1968	AU				
	0 373 268 A1	06/20/1990	EP				
	0 985 349 A2	03/15/2000	EP				
	0 985 349 A3	08/02/2000	EP				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Bayliss, C. et al., "The Combined Effect of Hydrogen Peroxide and Ultraviolet Irradiation on Bacterial Spores", <i>Journal of Applied Bacteriology</i> , 47:263-269 (1979)
		Copy of International Search Report dated May 6, 2003



EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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